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What do you think? What does it mean? What can be done?

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In ancient Greece, wisdom was called *sophia*. Indeed, *Sophia* was perceived as the Goddess of Wisdom. Without the wisdom or *sophia*, no one became a divine ruler. In its inner meaning, the *kingdom* to be ruled is none other than the *state* of our own consciousness.

In the Far East, wisdom is called *Buddhi*, the Light of Supreme Intelligence. This Light within is in each and every one of us. It is our own intuitive nature, far more powerful than our rational mind. For our spiritual intuition is also an instrument of direct perception, enabling us to penetrate the mysteries of spiritual realities. Enlightenment is the awakening of *Buddhi*. Thus when our spiritual intuition is awakened, wisdom is won.

In the Middle East, there is the recognition of an infallible guide to direct communion with God. It is called *Hikma I'lahiyya* or Wisdom Divine. Through *tawhid* or unity, *ma'rifa* or the intuitive gnosis is attained.

In the West, our spiritual intuition is personified by the *Christ-consciousness*. Or, it is the love from our Christ-consciousness that redeems us from the erroneous ways of our divine ignorance.

The door to the path of wisdom opens when we endeavor to think for ourselves, instead of following blindly, no matter how convenient, conventional or convincing. Remember:

1. Thinking for oneself is the freedom to reach into the wisdom of our own highest nature.
2. In knowledge, the head and the heart are two; but in wisdom, the two are aspects of the One.
3. To the ignorant, wisdom is a great contradiction of opposites; but to the wise, the spectrum of wisdom lies between the opposites, resolving the apparent contradiction.
4. In wisdom, silence is given speech. One word is enough. In knowledge, more words will never suffice.
5. When knowledge is devoid of virtue, wisdom is surely lacking.
6. Without reason, knowledge is impossible; without wisdom, even reason will be unreasonable.
7. Knowledge is the discovery of outward things; wisdom is the awakening of inward realities.
8. Knowledge is gained by taking things apart; wisdom is won by unifying what is perceived to be separate.
9. In religion, only God is wise. But if God is in all, therefore, God's wisdom must be in each one of us. Thus do we grow unto divine wisdom.
10. The beginning of philosophy is the love of wisdom; the highest philosophy is in the wisdom of love.
11. If science is the love of truth; then the highest science is the truth of love; and its greatest proof will be in our wisdom realizations.
12. Art is possible because of beauty, and order sustains beauty. But order comes from intelligence, and the intrinsic quality of intelligence is virtue. Thus virtuous action is the wisdom of intelligent order, the highest art of the eternally beautiful.

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13. The beauty we perceive stems from how beautiful we have lived our own life. Our failure to love truly, teaches us humility; and the love we learn to give, teaches us wisdom.

14. By reason we come to knowledge; by love fulfilled do we come to wisdom.

15. Because of too much knowledge there is pride; but there can never be too much wisdom, because humility is its quiet temperance.

16. Wisdom never falls on deaf ears, because the ears to hear become healed by the virtues of wisdom.

17. Ignorance is but unawakened wisdom; and the awakening of wisdom begins by knowing our own ignorance.

18. The ignorance of the masses is the wisdom of the few; but the wisdom of the One is the love of the Many.

19. The folly of love is in the love of self; for the wisdom of love is in selfless service.

20. Were it not for wisdom, knowledge would be useless, if not downright dangerous; for knowledge without wisdom engages humanity in a self-destruct mode. That is why knowledge is redeemed by the creativity of wisdom.

21. Not to have loved is to be deprived of the opportunities for wisdom; to love, even only once, is to have touched wisdom more than once, until one learns to truly love again.

22. Lastly, listen closely, by the Great Initiatic Mysteries: Love is the daylight flower, wisdom the midnight blossom; from this secret garden, a holy fragrance perfumes humanity. Δ